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SCHEME FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION OF CASH CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any separate scheme to increase the production of cash crops in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether funds would be provided to each State under this scheme during 2004-05; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE fffa (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Government do not propose to formulate any separate scheme to increase the production of cash crops. However, to increase the production of various cash crops like Cotton, Jute, Sugarcane, Oilseeds, spices etc. following schemes are under implementation:

- 1) Technology Mission on Cotton.
- 2) Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).
- 3) Schemes being implemented under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture since October, 2000:-
 - (i) Special Jute Development Programme (SJDP).
 - (ii) Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Areas (SUBACS).
 - (iii) Production and supply of Vegetable Seeds.
 - (iv) Development of Commercial Floriculture.
 - (v) Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.
 - (vi) Development of Roots and Tuber Crops.
 - (vii) Development of Cocoa and Cashew.
 - (viii) Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.

Under these schemes, assistance is provided for various inputs like seeds, agricultural implements, micro irrigation, pest control measures, transfer of crop production and plant protection technology through demonstrations and training to farmers and extension workers etc.

The Government has announced launching of a National Horticulture Mission for dealing holistically with all aspects of horticultural development namely research, production and productivity, post harvest management, processing and marketing by adopting an end to end approach.